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E.O. 11652: ADS, DECLAS 9/12/75

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SUBJECT: FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (BANGLADESH)

SUMMARY: DUE TO PRICE ESCALATIONS AND LIMITATIONS ON AVAILABLE FOREIGN AND LOCAL FUNDS, BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING ADB APPROVAL TO CHANGE IN SCOPE OF FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (APPROVED JUNE 14, 1973). USADB DOES NOT PROPOSE TO OBJECT. END SUMMARY.

1. ON JUNE 14, 1973, ADB BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED \$3.2 MILLION SPECIAL FUNDS LOAN TO GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH TO FINANCE FOREX COST OF FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, WHICH AIMS AT IMPROVING PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES OF FISHERIES SECTOR. PARA A OF PROJECT, TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY BANGLADESH FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (BFDC), CONSISTS OF THREE 500-TON CAPACITY REFRIGERATION COMPLEXES TO BE LOCATED

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AT DACCA, CHANDPUR AND KHULNA, FOUR 80-TON REFRIGERATED

FISH CARRIER VESSELS, TWELVE REFRIGERATED TRUCKS, VARIOUS MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND SERVICES OF REFRIGERATION EXPERT FOR 24 MONTHS. FOREIGN EXCHANGE ALLOCATION IS \$2,763,000. PART B, TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY BANGLADESH KRISHI BANK (BKB), CONSISTS OF CONSTRUCTION OF SIX SMALL-SCALE 10-TON CAPACITY ICE-MAKING PLANTS FOR FISHERMEN'S COOPERATIVES WITH FOREX ALLOCATION OF \$437,000. IN ADDITION, BANK APPROVED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OF \$71,000 EACH TO BFDC AND BKB FOR GENERAL STRENGTHENING AND DEVELOPMENT OF OPERATING EFFICIENCY OF TWO INSTITUTIONS.

2. IN CASE OF PART B, PRICE ESCALATION PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN OVERCOME BY REDUCING ICE PLANTS FROM SIX TO FIVE, ALONG WITH TRANSFER FROM FOREIGN TO LOCAL COSTS FOR CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS. EQUIPMENT ORDERS HAVE BEEN PLACED, AND PART B COMPLETION IS EXPECTED BY MID-1976.

3. RE PART A, SEVERAL ALTERNATIVE PROJECT REVISIONS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED. BORROWER NOW PROPOSES AS MOST ADVANTAGEIOUS UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES PROJECT BASED ON ONE REFRIGERATION COMPLEX LOCATED AT DACCA COMPRISING TWO FISH CARRIER VESSELS (ONE 80 GT AND OTHER 40 GT), FOUR REFRIGERATED TRUCKS AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES. FOREX REQUIREMENTS ARE ESTIMATED AT \$1,980,000, LEAVING \$795,000 CONTINGENCY AVAILABLE. IN THIS REGARD, DANISH CREDIT (OF ABOUT \$900,000 EQUIVALENT) HAS BECOME AVAILABLE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF REFRIGERATION COMPLEX AT MONGLA IN SOUTHWESTER BANGLADESH (45 MILES DOWNSTREAM FROM KHULNA, WHICH WAS TO HAVE BEEN ONE OF THREE ORIGINAL SITES UNDER BANK PROJECT).

4. IN VIEW ABOVE, BANK MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDS BOARD APPROVAL OF BORROWER'S PROPOSAL TO LIMIT PART A TO ONE 500-TON CAPACITY REFRIGERATION COMPLEX TO BE LOCATED AT DACCA WHERE NEEDS ARE MOST URGENT, TWO REFRIGERATED FISH CARRIER VESSELS (ONE OF 80 GT AND ONE OF 40 GT), FOUR 5-TONE CAPACITY REFRIGERATED TRUCKS, RELATED MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT AND TWELVE MONTHS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSULTANT SERVICES. IF NO OBJECTION TO, OR REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION OF, RECOMMENDATION IS MADE BY ANY BOARD MEMBER BY AUGUST 25, 1975, RECOMMENDATION WILL BE DEEMED APPROVED. USADB DOES NOT PROPOSE TO OJBECT.

5. ADB DOC. R76-75 ON ABOVE SUBJECT POUCHED AUGUST 12.

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